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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/815,264
Filed: March 23, 2001
Title: Genomic Plant Sequences and Uses Thereof
Applicants: Andrey A. BOUKHAROV *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(51237)G/16517.006

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to Office Action;
2. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
3. an Appointment of Associate Attorneys; and
4. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.006:

\$ 110.00 one-month extension of time fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above fee (\$110), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the

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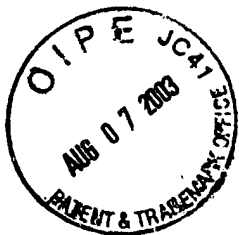
Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.006. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa A. Penoyer".

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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Amendment and Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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